



### **NCAPA's 2019 Legislative and Regulatory Agenda**

NCAPA will work to ensure that PAs are included and reimbursed with respect to all applicable laws and regulations. Specifically, this includes, but not limited to, monitoring and actively lobbying, as necessary, on the following issues:

- Medicaid reform
- Precepting and Graduate Medical Education
- Rural healthcare proposals, such as telemedicine and expansion of broadband, or incentives to move to medical deserts
  - *HB 431: FIBER NC Act*
- Supporting Optimal Team Practice efforts

NCAPA will work to protect PA scope of practice and prescriptive authority. Specifically, this includes, but not limited to, monitoring and actively lobbying, as necessary, on the following issues:

- MAT Waiver for PAs
- PAs conducting disability exams for state health plan
  - *Section 40 of SB 178/HB 228: Modernize Laws Pertaining to NC Medical Board*
- Chapter 90 revisions proposed by NCMB
  - *SB 178/HB 228: Modernize Laws Pertaining to NC Medical Board*

NCAPA will oppose efforts to repealing laws that jeopardize citizen safety and public health, including:

- Removing the requirement to wear a helmet while riding on a motorcycle
  - *HB 267: Require Safety Helmets/Under 21*

### **NCAPA 2019 Legislative Priorities**

The North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants will work to:

- Ensure North Carolina's practice laws reflect modern PA practice and allow PAs to work to the top of their license, training and competence.
- Ensure that all North Carolinians have access to affordable, quality health coverage.
  - *HB 655: NC Health Care for Working Families*
- Ensure North Carolinians maintain access to the provider of their choice by explicitly naming PAs in healthcare legislation where appropriate.
- Ensure that PAs are fully and appropriately reimbursed for the services they provide.
- Remove barriers for PAs to practice in rural and underserved areas through loan repayment programs.
- Increase access to clinical rotations for PA students in North Carolina.
- Ensure common sense solutions to the Opioid Epidemic are identified and implemented to protect North Carolinians including expanded access to treatment options.
- Reduce barriers for PAs who are currently working or want to work as behavioral health providers.